Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 18 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 19 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 18 Nov 2021 at 02:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high throughout. The main uncertainties are the extent of rain Friday evening and Saturday morning, and timing of colder air later Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 18 Nov 2021: Dull and damp with severe gales on the tops

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				FOG
Fog	Fog	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Fog
Precipitation probability					
80%	80%	60%	70%	70%	40%

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Weather: Dull and damp for most hills with low cloud and patchy rain or drizzle, severe gales across the tops. Drizzle likely to be persistent across western hills around Ben Alder and Creag Meagaidh. The Cairngorms turning dry by late evening but rain persisting in the west.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Mainly nil, but 30% over eastern Cairngorms.

Visibility: Moderate or good outside of cloud, a few km in drizzle. Poor at height. Cloud persistent above 600m in the west around Ben Alder and Creag Meagaidh, 700m across the Cairngorms with occasional breaks possible in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	53/69 W	46/60 W	41/56 W	41/55 SW	44/59 SW	47/65 SW	49/67 W
900	50/61 W	43/53 W	37/49 SW	38/50 SW	39/51 SW	42/55 SW	43/58 SW
600	35/44 W	30/40 W	27/38 SW	27/38 SW	27/38 SW	28/40 SW	29/43 SW
300	16/34 SW	15/34 SW	15/32 SW	16/35 SW	16/34 SW	16/36 SW	17/37 SW
Glen	7/34 W	6/30 SW	7/28 SW	7/28 SW	8/30 SW	7/30 SW	7/32 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/-3	5/-3	4/-3	4/-3	4/-4	3/-5	3/-5
900	8/1	8/2	7/1	7/1	7/1	6/-0	6/-1
600	9/4	9/5	9/4	9/4	9/4	8/4	8/3
300	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/8	11/8	10/7	10/7
Glen	12/9	12/10	12/10	12/10	12/9	11/8	11/8
Freezing Level*	2500m	2600m	2600m	2700m	2400m	2200m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds may be 5-10 mph stronger across the higher summits and plateaus than indicated in the table. Note that despite the mild air, severe gales and damp conditions will give a chilly feel.

Forecast for Friday 19 Nov 2021
Weather: Mild, but dull and damp with low cloud and summit gales. Rain or drizzle, persistent across western hills, more patchy in the east. Turning drier across most hills in the evening, but rain may persist in the south.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 35 gusting 50-55 mph, easing to 25-30 gusting 40-45 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil through the day, 30% late evening.

Visibility: Good outside of low cloud, but often poor at height. Cloud Is likely to be persistent above 500-600m across western hills, 800m across eastern hills. Cloud likely to lift late evening, but munro level still in cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11 or 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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